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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg announces the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Whitney Hopkins was sentenced December 18, 2009, and Sabrina King was sentenced December 21, 2009, by the Honorable Chief Judge Joseph F. Bataillon, United States District Judge in Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Hopkins was sentenced to 120 months imprisonment, followed by five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine. Ms. King was sentenced to 37 months imprisonment, followed by five years supervised release, and a \$100 special assessment for the crime of conspiracy to manufacture methamphetamine.

Mr. Hopkins and co-defendant Sabrina King were obtaining pseudoephedrine pills from various stores to be used in the manufacture of methamphetamine. Hopkins and King would get some of the finished product in return. On March 10, 2009, a loss prevention employee for Shopko in Lincoln, Nebraska, notified law enforcement these individuals were purchasing the maximum quantity of pseudoephedrine. Law enforcement officers coordinated a traffic stop of the vehicle and seized several boxes of pseudoephedrine. The pills seized totaled 10,080 mg. of pseudoephedrine. This would produce approximately 5.7 grams of actual methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant: Whitney Hopkins and Sabrina King

AKA:

Age: 48 and 21, respectively

City of residence: Blue Springs, NE and Fremont, NE, respectively

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty: Conspiracy to manufacture 5 grams or more of actual methamphetamine

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, NE

Location of Arrest: Lincoln, NE

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: 5.7 grams of actual methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Ellie Mills - sentencing is scheduled for January 22, 2010

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: January, 2009 through March 10, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: April 30, 2009

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: April 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: May 4, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Plea date for Mr. Hopkins was September 10, 2009; plea date for Ms. King was September 9, 2009

Sentencing Date: December 18, 2009 for Mr. Hopkins; December 21, 2009 for Ms. King

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Thomas D. Thalken

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Joseph F. Bataillon

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